



August 16th

Agenda

1. Introductions (Name and Department)
2. Follow up on last months items
3. Blue Green Meeting Policies and Goals
4. Junk Mail
5. Some online resources to check out
6. Questions/comments
7. Next meeting time

Follow up : E-bins

Some recycling bin looks/possibilities: other ideas
Multiple use bins?



Follow up continued

- SITES has yet to respond to my requests to get information and to get instructions posted (anyone know a good contact person?)
- The process of getting Dell to change their ways is being looked into
- The exhibit in the UGLi is taking place and will be up by the end of this week!
- Working with printing services on getting booklets made.

Blue Green Meetings!!

- www.bluegreenmeetings.org/index.cfm

The University of Michigan is committed to minimizing the environmental impact of the Recycling Education at the University through:

- 1. Decreasing the amount of solid waste produced by the event;**
- 2. Using as many electronic resources as possible**
- 3. Reducing energy and water consumption at the event;**
- 4. Minimizing or off-setting harmful emissions resulting from vehicular transportation and energy consumption associated with the event; and**
- 5. Disposing of solid and liquid waste in an environmentally responsible manner**



**How to prevent junk
mail in the office and
at home!**

Did you know?

- Junk mail is any mail that you don't want
- In the U.S. an average of 2% of all Municipal Solid Waste is composed of junk mail.
- You can prevent it!

Tips

- You can code your name with a special middle initial, say Z, if you give your address to someone who says they won't sell it to others but you suspect that they will. Then when you get mail addressed to John Z Doe, you know who gave out the name and can call them on it.

tips

- Write minimal information on all applications
- If you do not want any unsolicited mail whatsoever: there are bank and national lists that you can sign up for NOT to receive mail.

You can remove yourself from most *national* mailing lists by contacting the Direct Marketing Association's (DMA) Mail Preference Service (MPS). You must re-register after five years.

To remove your name from mail and phone lists (www.dmaconsumers.org/consumerassistance.html - www.dmaconsumers.org/privacy.html)

Online resources: junk mail

- **Consumer Research Institute,
www.stopjunk.com/environment.html.**
- **Obviously Implementations Corp.,
www.obviously.com/junkmail.**
- **Ecofuture, www.ecofuture.org/jnkmail.html.**
- **Privacy Rights Clearing House
www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs4-junk.htm**

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very comprehensive on junk mail

- All these resources give contact info to stop unwanted mail. Some have online forms to be taken off mailing list!

How to opt out:

- ADVO, Inc., List Service Dept., 239 West Service Rd., Hartford, CT 06120. (860) 520-3361. Online opt out form is available at www.advo.com/document/remove.pdf
- Val-Pak Coupons. Val-Pak maintains regional lists, not a central one. Send your request to the address printed on the envelope you receive or use their online form at: <http://www.coxtarget.com/mailexpression/s/DisplayMailSuppressionForm>

Online resources:

Specific to Ann Arbor

- Waste Management Services:
www.recycle.umich.edu
- OSEH
www.oseh.umich.edu
- City of Ann Arbor
[www.ci.ann-arbor.mi.us/PublicServices/
FieldOperations/SolidWaste.recycle.html](http://www.ci.ann-arbor.mi.us/PublicServices/FieldOperations/SolidWaste.recycle.html)

Online resources: Waste Prevention

- National Waste Prevention Coalition:
**get on Tom's mailing list and find out about the newest innovations in waste prevention and ask questions!

E-mail tom.watson@metrokc.gov to receive the National Waste Prevention Coalition's informative newsletter.

State and National Resources

- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality: Recycling

www.michigan.gov/deq/

[1,1607,7-135-3585_4130---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/1,1607,7-135-3585_4130---,00.html)

September's meeting

- Tuesday, September 20th at 2:00
meeting place T.B.A.
- Theme for the meeting:
food waste and composting

